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Five Proposed Initiatives Enter Circulation

1. *Fees. Vote Requirement. Repeal. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.*
2. *Taxes. Fees. Vote Requirement. Repeal. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.*
3. *Fees. Two-Thirds Vote Requirement. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.*
4. *Two-Thirds-Plus-One Vote Requirement. Taxes. Fees. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.*
5. *Fees. Vote Requirement. Repeal State Budget. Penalties and Reserve. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.*

SAN FRANCISCO --- Secretary of State Kevin Shelley announced today that the proponents of five new initiatives have received clearance to begin collecting petition signatures for their measure.

The Attorney General's official titles and summaries are as follows:

FEES. VOTE REQUIREMENT. REPEAL. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Requires two-thirds vote of each house of the Legislature, instead of current majority vote, to enact fees exceeding reasonable cost of regulating an activity, or fees to monitor, study or mitigate the effects of an activity without imposing significant regulatory obligation. Repeals any such fee in 5 years, unless reenacted by two-thirds vote of each house of the Legislature. Excludes certain real property assessments and fees, monies recoverable as damages, remedial expenses or penalties from specific events. Not applicable to fees enacted before January 1, 2003, or increases due to inflation or greater workload.

TAXES. FEES. VOTE REQUIREMENT. REPEAL. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Requires two-thirds-plus-one vote of each house of the Legislature, instead of current two-thirds vote, to enact state taxes increasing revenue. Requires two-thirds-plus-one vote of each house of the Legislature, instead of current majority vote, to enact fees exceeding reasonable cost of regulating an activity, or fees to monitor, study or mitigate the effects of an activity without imposing significant regulatory obligation. Repeals any such fee in 5 years, unless reenacted by two-thirds-plus-one vote of each house of the Legislature. Excludes certain assessments and fees from requirements.

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FEES. TWO-THIRDS VOTE REQUIREMENT. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Requires two-thirds vote of each house of the Legislature, instead of current majority vote, to enact fees exceeding reasonable cost of regulating an activity, or fees to monitor, study or mitigate the effects of an activity without imposing significant regulatory obligation. Excludes certain real property assessments and fees, monies recoverable as damages, remedial expenses or penalties from specific events. Not applicable to fees enacted before January 1, 2003, or increases due to inflation or greater workload.

TWO-THIRDS-PLUS-ONE VOTE REQUIREMENT. TAXES. FEES. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Requires two-thirds-plus-one vote of each house of the Legislature, instead of current two-thirds vote, to enact state taxes increasing revenue. Requires two-thirds-plus-one vote of each house of the Legislature, instead of current majority vote, to enact fees exceeding reasonable cost of regulating an activity, or fees to monitor, study or mitigate the effects of an activity without imposing significant regulatory obligation. Excludes certain assessments and fees from requirements.

FEES. VOTE REQUIREMENT. REPEAL. STATE BUDGET. PENALTIES AND RESERVE. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Requires two-thirds-vote of Legislature, instead of current majority vote, to enact fees exceeding reasonable cost of regulating an activity, or fees to monitor, study or mitigate the effects of an activity without imposing significant regulatory obligation. Repeals any such fee in 5 years, unless reenacted by two-thirds vote. Excludes certain assessments and fees from requirements. Provides that legislators and Governor lose salaries and expenses for each day budget is not passed after deadline. Requires 25% of certain state revenue increases be deposited in Prudent State Reserve Fund.

The proponents, Larry McCarthy and Allan S. Zaremborg, must collect 598,105 signatures of registered voters for their measure. The 150-day deadline to circulate petitions is November 17, 2003. The proponents can be reached at (916) 446-6752.

For a copy of the complete texts, titles & summaries, and circulation calendars, please contact the Secretary of State's Press Office at (916) 653-6575.